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RAJYA SABHA

Telemetry System

* 51. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) is setting up Telemetry System in the country, more especially in the thickly populated towns, with a view to collect accurate data on seismic activities; and

(b) whether this facility is already available in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The India Meteorological Department is initially setting up a V-SAT based digital seismic telemetry system around National Capital Region, Delhi consisting of 16 field stations spread around the region and a Central Receiving Station (CRS) at IMD headquarters at Delhi. Ten field stations have already been installed and work on the installation of remaining six stations has been initiated.

(b) The facility is the first V-SAT based digital seismic telemetry system being set up in a Metropolitan city by IMD.

Medical Insurance Scheme for retired and serving Employees

* 52. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce a comprehensive medicare insurance scheme, christened Medicare for the serving and retired Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of money required therefor;

(c) whether the State owned and private insurance companies have been consulted for viable package; if so, the details thereof; and